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Presentación

Fundació Catalunya Voluntària –FCV, takes over from “Barcelona Voluntaria”, a non-profit organization that was born in 1999 by the hand of three young Catalans. Since 1999, Asociación Barcelona Voluntaria has been taking part in various projects and has been accumulating a significant experience in this field, gaining a prominent role among the organizations which work with international youth. On the 25th of October 2007, Asociación Barcelona Voluntaria became “Fundació Catalunya Voluntària”, and since then it has been carrying on its activities with the same spirit and philosophy and has been an instrument for civic and social training.

FCV is defined as a non-formal learning environment and as an organization that promotes projects aimed at giving people of every age, and especially those with fewer opportunities, the possibility of developing their capabilities. We try to achieve this by enabling them to actively participate in educational and social activities that also have a positive impact on their communities.

**Mission**
*To favor active volunteering, non-formal learning and peace culture in order to make possible a positive social change in Catalonia and the whole world.*

**Vision**
*Build a world where everyone, and especially young people, have the will and the capabilities to carry out actions that have a positive impact on their communities, taking on their role of citizens in a globalized world.*

Since its beginning and throughout its history, FCV has always carried out programs and actions aimed at young people who want to easily find a way to participate in voluntary actions, if they wish to. We did it promoting a kind of voluntary work that is a supportive, inclusive and participatory experience for the volunteers and that must be able to give an answer to their interests and abilities.

Having this intention in mind, FCV promotes voluntary actions focused on the result and that have the capability to offer concrete learning opportunities, as well as civic empowerment, to the young people who take part in them.

FCV actively promotes voluntary work and non-formal education as tools to improve the society, as opportunities to develop key competences and as a mean to turn people into more active, atonomous and pesponsible citizens.
It offers information, support and training, it organizes campaigns, conferences, workshops and it promotes innovative initiatives focused on the promotion and social recognition of volunteering, of Peace Culture, non-formal education and intercultural learning. Furthermore, it actively collaborates with other NGOs, networks, people and institutions on a local, regional and international level.

FCV has its focus on Catalan young people, especially those who find themselves in a vulnerable situation and have fewer opportunities.

FCV operates mainly in the framework of three programs:

_Catalans al Món_: facilitates the participation of young people, between 18 and 35 years of age, in training and international mobility programs. FCV is the coordinating and promoting organization for European Voluntary Service projects, Training Courses, Seminars and Youth Exchanges that take place throughout the year in Catalonia, in the European Union, in the Eastern and Southern regions of Europe and in the Mediterranean area.

_Clam Per la Pau_: favours the participation of young people in awareness and training actions dedicated to peace building, to non-violent communication and to conflict transformation. It also carries out projects related to partnership building on an international level.

The program is specifically directed towards students and organizations workers and leaders, motivated to learn and reflect about Peace education and Human Rights.

_Voluntaris Actius_: enables young people to be active volunteers, which means living an experience of civic, educational, inclusive and participatory volunteering. It offers training on educational volunteering to other non-profit organizations.

FCV is an active member of the Barcelona Youth Council –CJB, of the Catalan Federation of Social Volunteering –FCVS, of the Spanish network of the Anna Lindh Foundation for Intercultural Dialogue –ALF and of the United Network of Young Peacebuilders -UNOY, among others.
The program aims at being a tool for enabling young people to develop new competences, capabilities and aptitudes, both on a personal and a professional level. It facilitates youth participation in international volunteering, training and mobility programs. At the same time, it enables Catalan non-profit organizations to participate in international networks and events.

Inside the framework of the Erasmus+ program of the European Commission, FCV is the coordinating and promoting organization of transnational projects such as the European Voluntary Service, Training Courses and Youth Exchanges, in close collaboration with other non-profit and non-governmental organization in Europe and all over the world.

It also relies on the support of “Obra Social La Caixa”, of the Barcelona municipality and the Catalan regional council in the project “Mou-te per Aprendre!”. The project has as priority beneficiaries young people with fewer opportunities who are at risk of social exclusion and.

During 2015, FCV strengthened its relations with the network of organizations that are part of the “Incorpora” project of “Obra Social La Caixa”, with Fundación Esperanza, with the Youth Information Points of Barcelona and the “Centro de Información y Asesoramiento para Jóvenes –CIAJ”, among others.

The European Voluntary Service –EVS is an action of the Erasmus+ program of the European Commission, directed towards all young people between 17 and 30 years of age who are living in an European country.

The program makes it possible for its participants to collaborate as volunteers in another European organization, for a period of time that lasts from a minimum of 2 weeks to a maximum of 12 months. There is a great variety of project on various topics: culture, art, environment, youth information and means of communication, among others.

During 2015, FCV has been the sending organization for 51 young Catalans: 26 young people started their volunteering in 2014 and 25 started it in 2015. The majority will complete their EVS in 2016.

The projects took place in various organizations all over Europe, in different countries, such as: Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania and the United Kingdom.
Furthermore, **FCV welcomed** two girls, from Montenegro and Armenia, who did their EVS in Barcelona, respectively for 8 and 9 months.

FCV collaborated with organizations such as: Youth Initiatives Centre –Armenia, Sunnahof –Austria, World at our Home –Letonia, AC Patria –Lituania, EDUQ –Polonia, Centre for Leisure Time Activities Ivancice –Republika Checa, Asha Centre –Reino Unido, among many others.

**YOUTH EXCHANGES**

The Youth Exchanges are directed towards young people between 18 and 25 years of age who are interested in living an intercultural experience. The participants live together during approximately ten days and carry out activities regarding a specific subject. The aim is to favour the knowledge about other European and extra-European countries.

FCV organizes youth exchanges in Catalonia and, at the same time, provides young Catalans with the opportunity to participate in exchanges abroad.

**YOUTH EXCHANGES ABROAD**

During 2015, FCV promoted **2 youth exchanges** which took place in Latvia and Denmark, making it possible for **14 young people to participate**.

Below, are specified the details of the exchanges, as well as their contents:

**Speak Unique.** From the 23rd of May to the 1st of June in Rezekne, Latvia. The aim was to increase the European linguistic and cultural awareness of the young participants, focusing on the worth of minority languages through workshops and theatre.

**European Vagabond II.** From the 30th of July to the 19th of August in Aalborg, Denmark.
During the 20 days of the exchange, the participants travelled in the north of the country in “vagabond” style. There were two main themes: European identity and active citizenship.

**TRAININGS**

The trainings are aimed at young people and adults, youth, social or cultural workers, NGOs responsible 18 years old or older who want to learn in a non-formal way how to implement new methodologies in their daily work with young people, sharing their working good practices, both on a personal and professional level.

These training last 10 days, at least, and are divided in training courses, seminars, study visits and partnership building activities – PBA.

**TRAININGS ABROAD**

In 2015, FCV participated in 14 training courses and in 2 seminars that took place in Armenia, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Holland, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Turkey and the United Kingdom, making it possible for 40 young people to participate, as well as volunteers and workers of the third sector, so as to improve their social, personal, professional and intercultural competences in a field in which they are.
There was a great variety of themes, from intercultural dialogue, integration and social cohesion, to volunteering management, communication, theatre, coaching and personal branding, among others.

Below, a summary of the details of the courses in which the foundation has participated:

**ICLit.** From the 5th to the 13th of March in Misaktsieli, Georgia. Understand the basic elements of culture, its dimensions and the complexity of intercultural environments.

**Less Talk about Work 2.** From the 12th to the 20th of March in Beja, Portugal. Discover new tools and initiatives useful to support young people in their search for a job opportunity and developing their entrepreneurship.

**Balkan (re)visión.** From the 26th of April to the 6th of May, in Kastoria, Greece. The aim of the training was to initiate a conversation regarding diversity, inclusion, human rights, European citizenship and multiculturalism.

**Volunteering in Youth Work Course.** From the 20th to the 28th of May in Flaxley, United Kingdom. During the project the participants gained a better understating of volunteering as a tool and method when working with young people, and its positive effects.

**ArtExpress.** From the 2nd to the 10th of July in Dresden, Germany. Discover visual arts through non-formal education, putting into practice various photography, graphic design and visual techniques.

**CC: Challenges in Communication.** From the 8th to the 16th of July in Kobuleti, Georgia. Learn to integrate the non-violent communication logic when creating a message and apply it on a personal and professional level.

**Challenging Communication.** From the 26th of July to the 2nd of August in The Hague, Holland. Increase the participants’ capabilities in communicating and conveying messages, especially to groups of young people.
**Better Start Coaching.** From the 19th to the 24th of August in Bielsko-Biała, Poland. Encourage the participants’ personal growth and see how coaching can help increasing young people’s employability.

**Personal Branding 4Euth Employment.** From the 5th to the 14 of October in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. The aim was to improve, share and put into practice the “Personal Branding” pyramid as a working method and model that can improve young people’s possibility to enter the labour market.

**Linking Bridges-Building Networks.** From the 6th to the 13th of October in Stepanavan, Armenia. Learn mechanisms to improve the quality and innovation of the European Voluntary Service projects.

**Next Step for Youth Mobility.** From the 6th to the 9th of October in Marseille, France. The seminar gathered together various youth workers in order to create new projects, focused on promoting the inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities.

**Advance Volunteer Management.** From the 23rd to the 31st of October in Crnomelj, Slovenia. The training offered the opportunity to talk about how to manage the volunteers in projects and activities in relation to the everyday activities of the organizations.

**Super Social.** From the 24th to the 31st of October in Stepanavan, Armenia. Teach to the participants the mechanisms of how social networks work and how they are appealing to young people and can be used in youth work.

**Volunteering in Youth Work Course 2.** From the 3rd to the 11th of November in Flaxley, United Kingdom. Reflection on the nature of voluntary work and its importance in the youth world, related to today’s socioeconomic needs.

**PRO-PER development.** From the 11th to the 18th of December in Oslinica, Slovenia. Project aimed at working with tools that are important for the development of social abilities: active listening, self-management, team work, self-expression, conflict resolution and negotiations, among others.
Creating Opportunities. From the 12\textsuperscript{th} to the 20\textsuperscript{th} of December in Istanbul, Turkey. Promote among the young participants the concepts of business initiative, encouraging creativity, innovative ideas with the objective of finding possible solutions to youth unemployment.
The program is specifically directed towards students and associations workers and leaders willing to learn and reflect on peace education and human rights.

FCV enables young people to participate in increasing awareness and training action dedicated to peace building and conflict transformation. It also carries out projects for the construction of international strategic networks in the field of peace, disarmament, human rights education, non-violence, intercultural dialogue and democratic participation.

To make this possible, the program relies on the support of the Erasmus+ program of the European Commission, of the Council of Europe, of the Anna Lindh Foundation, of the Catalan International Peace Institute and of DIPLOCAT.

PEACE EDUCATION

From 2015, and as a member of the network United Network of Young Peacebuilders -UNOY, FCV has been the promoting the organization of the “Youth Impact”, a project for the strategic cooperation and innovation, as well as the training of trainers "Understanding and Working with Conflict ", and has participated in the International Forum of UNOY-Peacebuilders.

As members and headquarters of secretariat of the network "PeaceBag for EuroMed Youth", FCV coordinated the training course "Volunteering for Peace".

Youth Impact

FCV is carrying out the European cooperation project for innovation and exchange of good practices Youth impact: strengthening the organizational capabilities to build peace in Europe.

The 18-month-long project is coordinated by the international organization United Network of Young Peacebuilders- UNOY, and it’s the result of the joint work of 6 non-profit and youth organizations which develop Peace Education programs: UNOY - Holland, International Civil Service -Belgium, Centro Internazionale per la Promozione dell’educazione e lo Sviluppo -CEIPES -Italy, European Intercultural Forum e.V. -Germany, Peace Action, Training and Research Institute - PATRIR -Romania y la FCV.

The project enables us to jointly plan a strategy to analyze the impact of the organizations work in the field of Peace Education. It also aims at providing us a monitoring, evaluating and learning system that is needed to improve the capabilities of the organizations.
In 2015, two people from the FCV team participated in 4 mobilities which took place from the 7th to the 11th of May and from the 7th to the 11th of November in The Hague, Holland, at UNOY’s headquarters.

Furthermore, FCV participated in two of the study visits planned, one in the Italian organization CEIPERS, from the 7th to the 10th of July, and the other in UNOY from the 27th to the 30th of September. In addition, FCV hosted in Barcelona one of the six study visits, from the 3rd to the 6th of June.

*Download the report with the results of the study.*

**Understanding and Working with Conflict 2015**

From the 11th to the 18th of October, in Vilanova i la Geltrú took place the training of trainers “Understanding and Working with Conflict 2015” organized by the international network United Network of Young Peacebuilders -UNOY and FCV.

The training was attended by 24 young people, trainers and leaders, representing 14 non-profit youth organization from various counties: Russia, Germany, Kenya, Italy, Ukraine, Belgium, Georgia, Montenegro, Holland, Turkey, Bosnia, Slovenia, Cataluña and Cyprus.
It was the fifth international training of trainers that FCV organized regarding the subject of conflict management. This training was specifically aimed at helping the participants to ideate and carry out high-quality trainings on this subject. The activities revolved around various elements, such as communication, interpersonal relations capabilities and the key competences needed to become a trainer and a facilitator. The course put into practice an online training that lasted for 2 months and that resulted in the creation of 6 training modules.

**UNOY-Peacebuilders International Forum**

From the 11th to the 15th of November, FCV participated in the *International Forum of the International Network “United Network of Young Peacebuilders – UNOY”*, which was celebrate in The Hague, Holland, and which was attended by more than 90 representatives from organizations all over the world.

The forum was the occasion to reach many important objectives, such as elaborate the strategic plan of the UNOY network, present the provisional results of the “Youth Impact” project, gather comments and contributions and carry out debates on the themes of the forum: the improvement of the quality and the impact of young peacebuilders’ actions.

FCV could meet with the UNOY secretariat members, as well as contributing in the definition of the collaborative work plan between the two organizations and the other member organizations.

**Red PeaceBag for EuroMed Youth**

The network “PeaceBag for EuroMed Youth” has existed since 2008 with the aim to make known and spread the concepts and competences needed in the fields of Peace, Peace Education, Conflict, Conflict Transformation, Non-violent Communication, Human Rights, Intercultural Learning and Non-formal Learning.

Nowadays, the network consists of 16 organizations from 14 countries: Algeria, Bulgaria, Egypt, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon,
Rumania, Palestine, Poland, the Netherlands, Spain, Tunisia and Turkey. All the organizations are committed to the mission and vision of the network and to the 4 strategic objectives jointly decided in the framework of an action plan for 2015 and 2016. The network relies on a stable and sustainable communication, decisional and organizational structure. The network is formed of youth and non-profit organizations.

FCV participated in two mobilities. On the 25th and 26th of October it gathered with the NGO Support Centre in Nicosia, Cyprus, in order to share information and proposals. The meeting also served to determine the network’s objectives and capacity building strategies complementary with the various ongoing initiatives.

From the 28th of October to the 1st of November FCV met with Development No Borders, in Alexandria, Egypt. The aim was to have a deeper understating of the activities in the "Yalla for Peace" campaign, which is being carried out in order to promote intercultural learning and the overcoming of prejudices.

Volunteering for Peace

From the 12th to the 19th of December, FCV hosted in Vilanova i la Geltrú the training course “Volunteering for Peace”. The training gathered 21 representatives from 10 non-profit organizations in Rumania, Holland, Bulgaria, Lebanon, Egypt, Jordan, Palestine, United Kingdom and Turkey. All the participants are members of the informal network "Peace Bag for EuroMed Youth" and are experts in the themes of the training: volunteering and peace.
The training was aimed at providing the participants with the capabilities to manage EVS projects and make it possible for young people living in Europe and in the Southern and Eastern of the Mediterranean area to participate in volunteering projects related to peace.
The program makes it possible for young people to participate in an active volunteering, regardless of their personal situation. The term “active” refers to a volunteering experience that is civic, inclusive, formative, participatory, focused on the results, not only abroad but also locally, in Catalonia.

The program promotes the participation of non-profit organizations workers in training actions (workshops, formative and informative sessions) both locally and regionally.

To make this possible, we rely on the support of the Departamento de Bienestar y Familia of the Generalitat of Catalonia.

Voluntariat Actiu –Estratègia Europa 2020

The project “Voluntariat Actiu –Estratègia Europa 2020”, is a two-year-long program that started in 2015. The main objective is to empower Catalan voluntary organization and enable them to play a more relevant role in helping and backing young people, including those who find themselves at risk of social exclusion and poverty.

The activities carried out in 2015 were mainly preparatory actions related to the project. We realized three of the planned activities: information, creation of the intellectual resources and the promotion material for the project and evaluation and follow-up activities.

We expect to elaborate a strategic and innovative answer to the foundations of its practice, to the knowledge regarding its tendencies and the current answers that other countries give. The focus is the need of finding innovative working methods with the aim of making it easier for young people to participate in voluntary actions. It also focuses in enabling the organizations to improve their impact with the support of young peoples’ capabilities, energy and commitment, as well as promote the adaptation of organizations belonging to various sectors, both private and public, to the strategy “Europe 2020”.

One of the main activities of the project is the training “Toolbox for active volunteering” which will take place in June and July 2016.

“Learn Through Volunteering: What and How?”

In 2015, FCV organized the training course “Learn Through Volunteering: What and How?”, as part of the strategy for promoting active and educational volunteering, making it possible for more young people to enjoy the experience of being volunteers.
From the 16th to the 23rd of May took place the training course "Learn Through Volunteering: What and How?" which gathered 21 managers, volunteers and trainers from non-profit organization from 13 countries: Germany, Italy, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Rumania, Greece, Turkey, Malta, Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Catalonia and Czech Republic.

During the training, the participants shared propositions for improving the educational content of the activities and project that are carried out in the promoting organizations, both at local and international level, in the framework of the European Voluntary Service program.
OTHER PROJECTS

During 2015, in the framework of Lifelong Learning Program, FCV was the coordinator of the Grundtvig project: "Let’s Play, Sing and Dance Together: Efficient Non-formal Education for Adults" and kept implementing the projects of International Cooperation with the University.

PERSONAL BRANDING

In 2015 FCV organized the youth exchange "Personal Branding 4EUth Entrepreneurship" which is the continuation of the global project "Personal Branding - Creando la Marca Personal", of which FCV has been a promoter since its beginnings in 2013.

The exchange saw the implementation of various methods of non-formal education and intercultural learning to carry out the planned activities. The program included presentations, workshops, games and creative exercise, done both individually and in groups.

**Personal Branding 4EUth Entrepreneurship**

From the 1st to the 9th of August took place the youth exchange “Personal Branding 4EUth Entrepreneurship” in Vilanova i la Geltrú, in collaboration with the organizations Coaching 4EU -Romania, United Societies of Balkans -Greece y EDUC Association -Poland, in which participated 21 young people from Romania, Greece, Poland and Catalonia.

The main goal of the project was to enable the participants to create their own personal brand and to know how to use different techniques to improve their working brand and to promote their initiative, creativity and entrepreneurship.

GRUNDTVIG: Let’s Play

In 2015 FCV continued and finalized the implementation of the project “Let’s Play, Sing and Dance Together: Efficient Non-formal Education for Adults”, created and started in 2013, in collaboration with the organizations: Stichting Digg’Out –the
The project saw the development of various workshops and seminars on music, songs and dances and regarding adults’ education and intercultural dialogue.

In addition, in 2015 took place various mobilities among the partner countries, in Estonia, from the 5th to the 9th of March and in Barcelona, from the 21st to the 25th of July, where the participants could share and exchange their experiences and good practices.

The project relied on the support of the Grundtvig Lifelong Learning Program of the European Commission.

Watch the videos resulting from the project.

**International Cooperation with the University**

CV develops a project for the International Cooperation with Universities which was carried out in collaboration with the Institute for Higher Education in Tourism Business in the Ukrainian city of Donetsk. In practice, the project consisted in the organization of the course “Advanced course in hotel management” which is carried out in the framework of the “Campus Universitario del Mediterráneo” and in which participated 8 students.

The unfortunate situation suffered by the city of Donetsk resulted in the closing of the Institute and the departure of its teachers. This raised the interested in developing a similar cooperation project with the Sant Petersburg University of Management and Economics -USPME that resulted in the creation of an agreement, on the 23rd of September 2015, to which took part the Dean of the university.

The agreement states the following:
Help USPME to establish new contacts with Catalan universities in order to explore the possible exchange of professors and students and to develop other projects and activities;

Explore the possibility for Russian and Catalan students to organize social and cultural activities in Russia and Catalonia;

Jointly organize educational programs in Catalonia for Russian students;

Organize internships and classes in the field of hotel management in Catalonia for Russian students;

Other projects that may rise from mutual interests.
During 2015 FCV has strengthened its collaboration and presence in the local and international networks of which is member: Consejo de Juventud de Barcelona -CJB, Federación Catalana de Voluntariado Social -FCVS, Anna Lindh Foundation –ALF and the United Network of Young Peace builders -UNOY.

FCV organized the third Short Movie Exhibition, where young people who have participated in various projects could share their experience. FCV also continued organizing the informative and training sessions on various themes of general interest.

Furthermore, in 2015 FCV participated in various events that were carried out mostly in the city of Barcelona.

INFORMATIVE SESSIONS

During 2015, FCV carried out almost on a weekly basis the informative sessions regarding the different opportunities and projects with which it works and in which many young people are interested. The session were attended by almost 170 young people to whom FCV gave information regarding the European Voluntary Service, training courses and youth exchanges, among others.

TRAINING SESSIONS

Throughout 2015 FCV offered monthly Europass training sessions on how to write a good CV and a good motivational letter, focused on the search for European Voluntary Service projects.

On the 18th of February, 18th of June and 30th of July, FCV organized 3 pre-departure trainings with the volunteers who had been selected to participate in a European Voluntary Service. The aim of the trainings was to resolve the last doubts and better understand which are the main challenges and opportunities when participating in an EVS.
In August took place four workshops "Let's Speak English" with the objective of teaching basic notions of English to young people who were going to participate in international mobility projects.

Furthermore, in September FCV organized a series of workshops in English about "Personal Branding and Social Entrepreneurship", in order to promote the creation of young people’s personal brand, creativity and entrepreneurship.

**COOPERATION GROUP IN TANGIER**

From the 20th to the 23rd of March, some member of the cooperation group of the CJB, of which FCV is member, travelled to Tangier in order to carry out a formative exchange with the Casal dels infants Tanger and with the network of organizations TanjaZoom.

The objective of the meeting was define the concepts of “mission”, “vision” and “values”, so that the TanjaZoom network could have the knowledge and tools necessary to develop its strategic working plan.

**CATALAN LAW ON VOLUNTEERING**

On the 23rd of July 2015, the Catalan Parliament unanimously approved the Law 25/2015 on volunteering and the promotion of associationism.

The process of elaboration of the “Llei Catalana del Voluntariat” relied on the contributions of various volunteering organizations, making it clear how many different ideas on the concept of volunteering there are in Catalonia. FCV was asked about the issue and was invited to appear in front of the commission of Welfare, Family and Immigration of the Catalan Parliament.

**GLOBAL FORUM ON YOUTH PEACE AND SECURITY**

FCV was invited to the first class, international meeting “2015 Global Forum on Youth Peace and Security” held in Amman, Jordan and it was the only Catalan organization that attended the event. It
was an important action on the influence of politics, organized by the Kingdom of Jordan and the UN Security Council.

During the forum an agreement was reached, from which resulted the Amman Youth Declaration. The document was agreed upon by youth representatives, ministers and members of the royalty from various countries, as well as the representatives from multiple UN agencies and other multilateral organizations.

EXHIBITION OF THE ASSOCIATIONS OF BARCELONA

On the 19th, 20th and 24th of September, FCV participated in the 20th Exhibition of Associations of Barcelona, organized by the Municipality of the city and the Municipal Council of Associations of Barcelona. The exhibition took place in Plaça Catalunya and during those days FCV could make known all the work, events and workshops that the organization is carrying out.

3RD SHORT MOVIES EXHIBITION

On the 29th of September took place the Third Short Movies Exhibition organized by FCV. During the exhibition, various young people, who during the year had participated in some international mobility project, shared their experience through their short movies.

CLUB DE MADRID

On the 27th and 28th of October FCV was invited to attend the conference Madrid +10: “Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism” organized by the Club de Madrid and that has as main objective to channel the ideas, knowledge and experience of all the participants, politicians, trainers, leaders and the civil society in order to reach an international agreement on how to deal with and prevent radicalization and violent extremism.

BE YOUTH WORKER TODAY

On the 25th, 26th and 27th of November FCV participated in the conference “Be Youth Worker Today -BYWT” organized by the Asociación Catalana de Profesionales de las Políticas de Juventud.
The event gathered together more than 150 professionals in working with young people at regional, state and European level. They could debate regarding the need of creating a Catalan and European network that group together all the professionals in the field of youth work and as a mean to share resources, ideas, opportunities and good practices.

**VOLUNTEERING IN THE WORLD: DE BCN AL MÓN**

On the 3rd of December 2015 FCV participated in the closing act of the conference “Jornadas de Voluntariado en el Mundo: de Bcn al Mundo”. The event took place in the Espai Jove la Fontana and it was organized by the Municipality of Barcelona in collaboration with various youth organizations which work with European and international projects.

The conference was useful to spread the activities that were carried out and the opportunities of international mobility available to young people.

**PEACE IN PEACE OUT**

From the 4th to the 9th of December took place the international meditation meeting “Peace In Peace Out – PIPO” in various parts of Barcelona. Specifically, on the 4th of December, FCV hosted one of the free meditation sessions.

The meeting was organized by World Peace International Ltd. and by the network Peace Revolution, in collaboration with a team of volunteers coming from all over the world. The event was attended by Tibetan monks and more than 300 people participated in it.

**INTERNATIONAL FORUM OF THE ANNA LINDH FOUNDATION**

From the 16th to the 19th of December FCV participated in the International Forum of the Anna Lindh Foundation "Non formal and Intercultural Education in the Mediterranean" in Tarragona.
The meeting gathered the representatives of the Spanish network of the ALF and the representatives of the national networks of 11 countries in the Euro-Mediterranean area. Many debates and dynamic took place, in order to share ideas, propositions and good practices.

OTHER EVENTS

13th of January: FCV attended the debate "Cataluña Social": Jóvenes extutelados -el reto de emanciparse hoy, organized by the “Mesa de Entidades del Tercer Sector”.

18th of February: presentation of the “PeaceBag” network in the meeting organized by the CNJC as part of the EuroMed seminar that took place in the Espai Jove la Fontana.

14th of March: FCV participated in the 50th Ordinary General Assembly of the Barcelona Youth Council.

13th of April: FCV participated in the 6th Conference of the Public Library and Social Cohesion, organized by the network of the Libraries of Barcelona. FCV participated as a speaker in the panel: “How far can we get with volunteering?”.

20th of May: FCV participated in the meeting with the president of the ALF in the headquarters of the IEMed.

22nd of July: FCV participated in the 1st work meeting as part of the starting group of the 3rd Catalan Congress on Associationism and Volunteering.

16th of November: FCV participated in the meeting with the member organizations and the president and director of FCVS in the Germina Foundation in Santa Coloma de Gramanet.

17th of December: FCV participated in the fair of organizations of the University of Barcelona.
The government body of Fundació Catalunya Voluntària is formed by people with different professional backgrounds and who are committed to the mission of the organization and who make possible the development of the different projects.

**Board**
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